

Morehead. (Read title.) The bill was referred to Judiciary Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Morehead.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Mr. President, members of the legislative body, this is one of those nice bills that you delegate to a freshman senator so they can cut their teeth and get over their microphone jitters and so far that part hasn't worked. But I think that you will agree with the Department of Banking, whose bill this is, and with myself and with the Judiciary Committee that it does address a problem that needs addressing. The bill would add industrial and loan investment companies to the fraud statute, which is Section 28-612, in preventing fraudulent practices by financial institutions. Currently banks, building and loan associations or savings and loans, cooperative credit associations are included. When the bill was drafted in 1977 it inadvertently omitted the industrials or investment companies, what we call industrials. It would bring them under this law. The statutes specifically prohibits these institutions from making false statements or entries in their books. It prohibits them from making, stating, or publishing statements with the intent to deceive. It prohibits them from publishing or making false statements regarding the amounts of their assets or liabilities and it prohibits them from destroying or altering any of their records without the consent of the Department of Banking. The Department currently has four cases under investigation and one large one in Omaha. They have no way to charge these companies with any violations since they have not been included in the statute and so I would recommend to you the inclusion of industrials in the state statute and would like to have you move LB 440. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion? If not, the question is the advancement of LB 440. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 29 ayes, Mr. President, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: The motion carried. The bill is advanced. LB 461. The Chair recognizes the Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, a few of you started to bring me requests to take bills off consent file. If you notice up at the top of that it says that you should give me the request in writing